(b) The Indian side emphasised the growing shift to value-added products in our exports and suggested greater cooperation in the area of projects. The Australian side conveyed their interest in exploring the possibility of direct supply of rough diamonds to India and upgradation of technological capabilities in this field. Both sides also agreed to identify new areas of cooperation based on commonality of approach in different areas.

(c) The next meeting of the Indo-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission is likely to be held in New Delhi by January, 1991 to discuss issues of bilateral cooperation.

Agreement with Radisson Hotel Corporation of USA

1925. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what were the terms of contract entered into between ITDC and Radisson Hotel Corporation, USA;

(b) whether any discussions were held by ITDC with other International Groups of Hotel before entering into the agreement with M/s. Radisson; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the main reasons for selecting Radisson in comparison to other such corporations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The broad terms of agreement are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 57]

(b) and (c) ITDC held preliminary negotiations with two other well-known international hotel chains. While one party did not show interest, the other party's interest was linked with its hold on the management of ITDC hotels. This was not acceptable to ITDC as it was not in the interest of Government. However, the proposal received from M/s Radisson Hotel Corporation of USA was considered mutually beneficial.

Visit of Foreign Tourists to J & K

1926. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the number of foreign tourists who visited J&K during 1988, 1989 and upto July 1990 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): As per the information available from the State Government, the number of foreign tourists who visited Kashmir Valley during the last 2 years and first 4 months of the current year are as given below:

Year	No. of foreign tourists
1988	59,938
1989	
1990 . . .	67,762
(Jan-April)	*1,896*

The figures for later not months are available.

देश में कपड़े की आवश्यकता

1927. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत की बढ़ती हुई आबादी को देखते हुए कितने मीटर वस्त्रों की